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Investigations concerning fisheries biology and oceanography, undertaken during two voyages on board the fishery research vessel "Anton Dohrn" in 1980 and 1981 to the western Barents Sea and Spitsbergen *.

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6. Osteichthyes - Bony Fishes

6.1 Argentinidae

Argentina silus - Great Silver Smelt

This species was found on both voyages in varying but mostly small concentrations off the northern coast of Norway. In 1980, moreover, a specimen was caught in the Bear Island trough, and in 1981, one was caught off the south-west coast of Spitsbergen. These two individual specimens were caught north of the limit of this species' range as set by WHEELER (1978). According to ANDRIYASHEV (1954/1964), individual fish occasionally drift as far as Bear Island and south-west Spitsbergen on the West Spitsbergen Current. In 1981, mostly large specimens were found, in particular to the west of the North Cape bank in depths between 310 and 350 m. In 1980 this area was not fished, and only a few individual fish of the species were located on the North Cape bank.

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